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TO: DIRECTOR, CAIRO.

FOR: LIMITED DISSEM NE/NAOE INFO NE/NAORE, NE/NAOCI, AF/HG, AF/OPS, CIC/AF

SLUGS: WNINTEL RYBAT FCSTANDARD

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF RECENT CONTACTS WITH FCSTANDARD/32

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TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: PLS SEE PARA 2.

2. REF A WAS USEFUL AND MUCH APPRECIATED. WITH CAIRO STATION'S CONCURRENCE, C/O TONY P. RAGL WOULD LIKE REF A OFFER OF BACKGROUND INFO ON SUDAN, AND HQS TALKING POINTS ON OTHER TOPICS TO SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT OF SUBJ. C/O WILL PROVIDE ASSESSMENT OF FCSTANDARD/32 (SUBJ) SEPARATELY. C/O AND SUBJ HAVE BEGUN DISCUSSING SUDAN AND LIBYA, AND SUBJ HAS BEGUN VISITING C/O'S RESIDENCE (REPORTED SEPARATELY). PLS ENSURE REF B IS FILED IN SUBJ'S FILE (IT WAS INADVERTENTLY FILED AS FCSTANDARD/1).

3. 12 FEBRUARY: SUBJ PHONED C/O AT HOME AND, WITHOUT MENTIONING NAMES OR PLACES, RECOMMENDED A MEETING. C/O MET SUBJ FROM 2330-0200 HOURS AT CONCORDE NIGHTCLUB. SUBJ WAS NOT SURE IF A SAUDI INTEL OFFICER WAS POSTED TO ADDIS. SUBJ ASKED IF C/O LEARNED ANYTHING ABOUT A VISITING RUSSIAN DELEGATION (C/O HAD NOT, SEE PARA 5). SUBJ SPOKE OF JOGGING ON LOCAL STREETS AND C/O GAVE HIM A CAN OF PEPPER SPRAY TO WARD OFF STRAY DOGS.

4. 16 FEBRUARY: U.S. EMBASSY RECEPTION: C/O INVITED SUBJ TO U.S. EMBASSY'S NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION (MOVED FROM 4 JULY TO 16 FEB DUE TO HEAVY LOCAL RAINS IN JULY). SUBJ POINTED OUT ISRAELI SECOND SECRETARY RAMI ((HATAN)), ADDING HATAN HAD RECENTLY ARRIVED IN ADDIS AND SUBJ THOUGHT HATAN WAS SHIN BET AND WORKED WITH ISRAELI SECOND SECRETARY ELIEZER "ELI" ((YITZHAKY)).

5. 19 FEBRUARY: SUBJ PHONED C/O AT EMBASSY, SUGGESTED MEETING

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AT CONCORDE NIGHTCLUB (0030-0330). SUBJ PAID FOR DRINKS. HIS SPOUSE MAY RETURN TO ADDIS CIRCA EARLY MAY. SUBJ SAID HE WAS DISTANCING HIMSELF FROM EGYPTIAN BUSINESSMAN SAFAH (PHONETIC) AND ADDED, "BEFORE I LEAVE ADDIS, I HAVE A LOT TO TELL YOU. I'LL TELL YOU WHEN THE STORY IS FINISHED. A LOT GOES ON HERE." SUBJ MENTIONED ISRAELI TRADE FAIR AT SHERATON HOTEL 25-26 FEBRUARY (THE EGYPTIAN ECONOMIC COUNSELOR WAS INVITED). REGARDING RAMI HATAN, SUBJ SAID HE WAS AWARE HATAN WAS SINGLE, LIVED IN BOLE AREA, WAS A FIRST TOUR OFFICER. THE RUSSIAN DELEGATION (PARA 3) WAS HERE FOR ETHIOPIAN TANK (T-55) REFURBISHMENT; RECENT ISRAELI DELEGATION WAS HERE TO BID ON T-55 AND AIRCRAFT REFURBISHMENT (CORROBORATED BY 2/00/1607-98, 191934Z FEB 98; AND 2/00/1584-98, 191609Z FEB 98). SIX OROMO OPPOSITIONISTS WERE EXTRADITED FROM DJIBOUTI TO ETHIOPIA. FOREIGN MINISTER MOUSSA IS VISITING ADDIS WEEK OF 23 FEBRUARY; HE IS A WOMANIZER AND MAY VISIT CONCORDE NIGHTCLUB. HE HAS THREE BODYGUARDS, BUT THEY ARE NOT "PROFESSIONALS." SUBJ PAID EQUIVALENT US$ 60 TO BLOOD TEST LOCAL GIRLFRIEND HELEN, "SHE'S ALL RIGHT." REGARDING SALARY, SUBJ IS PAID "PRETTY WELL" AND WORKS HARD TO "EARN THE PAY." UPON PARTING, SUBJ SAID, "SLEEP WELL, I WON'T SAY HAVE NICE DREAMS BECAUSE WE (I.E., INTEL OFFICERS) DO NOT HAVE NICE DREAMS."

6. 20 FEBRUARY: LATE DINNER WITH SUBJ AT LION CLUB, THEN CONCORDE NIGHTCLUB. TWO BUSINESSMEN (A SAUDI NAMED SALAH LNU WHO DEPARTS ADDIS WEEK 23 FEBRUARY, AND A JORDANIAN NAMED MAHMOUD LNU, BOTH CONCORDE REGULARS) JOINED SUBJ AND C/O. BUSINESSMEN SPOKE OF EXPORTING ETHIOPIAN CATTLE TO SAUDI ARABIA, ALSO SPOKE OF HORSES AND CAMELS. SUBJ'S EMBASSY OFFICE IS BEING REMODELED BY AN ETHIOPIAN INTERIOR DESIGNER, A SUBORDINATE WATCHES THE DESIGNER AT ALL TIMES. SUBJ WILL HAVE C/O OVER TO THE OFFICE ONCE IT IS FINISHED. SUBJ WILL BE BUSY WEEK OF 23 FEBRUARY DUE TO VISIT OF MOUSSA.

7. 21 FEBRUARY: C/O VISITED SUBJ'S HOME AND OFFICE (WHICH WAS BEING PAINTED; HAD ONLY CHAIRS AND A BOOKCASE; MAHMOUD LNU, AN EGYPTIAN, SUPERVISED ETHIOPIAN PAINTER). FCSTANDARD CHIEFS POSTED ABROAD HAVE USE OF A GOVERNMENT VEHICLE, AS DOES SUBJ. ETHIOPIANS TAP DIPLOMATS' OFFICE AND HOME PHONES. DURING CONVERSATION WITH C/O, SUBJ TURNED ON TAPE PLAYER FOR SOUND MASKING AND EXPLAINED HIS HOME HAD NOT YET BEEN TESTED FOR BUGS (A SIMPLE TEST IS TURN OFF ALL APPLIANCES AND CHECK ELECTRIC METER; THERE IS ALSO A MORE SOPHISTICATED TEST). SUBJ PHONED SPOUSE IN CAIRO AND HAD C/O SPEAK WITH HER. SUBJ GAVE C/O TWO SMALL GIFTS (MARBLE HEAD OF NEFERTITI AND PAPYRUS PAPER PAINTING). SUBJ'S BROTHER-IN-LAW (A POLICE MAJOR) IS NO GOOD, HE ASKS HIS FATHER-IN-LAW FOR MONEY. SAUDI ATTACHE WADIE A. AL-((THAGAFI)) MAY BE THE SAUDI INTEL OFFICER IN ADDIS, BUT SUBJ IS NOT YET SURE. ISRAEL IS NO GOOD; ISRAEL WAS BEHIND THE<JFK> *<ASSASSINATION.> SUBJ CHEATED ON HIS WIFE ONLY THREE TIMES (ALL IN ADDIS IN THE LAST EIGHT MONTHS; HE FEELS GUILTY BUT REMAINS FOND OF HIS LOCAL GIRLFRIEND HELEN, WHOM HE DOES NOT BRING HOME FOR FEAR HIS HOUSEHOLD HELP WOULD TELL HIS SPOUSE). OWNER OF CONCORDE NIGHTCLUB SMUGGLES MERCURY (NFI), HAS GOOD CONNECTIONS AMONG ISRAELIS AND ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT.

8. 22 FEBRUARY: A LENGTHY, SUBSTANTIVE CONTACT AT C/O'S RESIDENCE WHICH WILL BE REPORTED SEPARATELY.

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